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### 2017 'Why Humanities?' Finalist: Us

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## Why Humanities? Contest

Finalist 2017

Us

Rima Asfour

Why  
the humanities?  
Do you hear yourself,  
repeat.  
Hum-an-ities  
Hu-man-ity.  
Humanity.  
Us.  
Without our  
political science  
we would be left  
back in history,  
and without our  
history,  
we wouldn't know who  
the heroes were.  
Without our heroes we wouldn't know  
a thing  
about English literature  
where writers wrote

about  
chivalry and bravery  
and  
loyalty.  
Without our humanities  
we'd be  
lost  
because we wouldn't know  
the different theories  
on life  
and why we exist,  
or if we really do.  
Because  
even though  
science  
explains  
that a child's birth starts in the womb,  
religion states that even though that is true,  
It is God that gives life, He says "Be" and it is.

Humanities  
let's us  
be  
readers, and writers, and storytellers, and psychologists,  
historians, professors,  
believers  
in something bigger that exists.  
Without the humanities  
we  
wouldn't be able to reason why  
what's happening around the world

is  
not  
humanity.  
With all our theories and  
theses,  
we would come to the conclusion  
that  
humanities  
let's us be human  
by teaching us the etiquettes of war, in the Just War Doctrine, with no revenge in mind,  
just peace.  
The humanities  
let's us be human  
by teaching emotion through art,  
from Kandinsky all the way to Kahlo.  
The humanities  
let's us try  
to understand  
the world in which we live.  
So,  
why  
the humanities?  
Do you hear yourself,  
repeat.  
Hum-an-ities  
Hu-man-ity.  
Humanity.  
Us.